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Next RNA Meeting:

Tuesday, October 8th
at 7:30 PM

Location:

Harbor View Health Care Center 1st
Floor Cafeteria
178 Ogden Avenue

Agenda:

Ward D Councilman Michael Yun
Representatives from JCPD and
Resident Response Center

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are \$10. Please contribute on our
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Riverview Neighborhood Association
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3E, Jersey City, NJ 07307.



Greetings!

Please join us this Tuesday, October 8th for our regular monthly meeting. Our guest this month is Ward D Councilman Michael Yun. The meeting takes place at the Harbor View Health Center, 178 Ogden Ave (corner of Franklin), 1st Floor Cafeteria at 7:30PM.

Meet Your New Councilman



Last May, Michael Yun, President of the Central Avenue Special Improvement District, was elected as Ward D Councilman, a position held by Bill Gaughan for the past five terms. Moreover, Yun ran and won as an independent as did Ward C's Rich Boggiano, giving the Heights the only two members of the Council who are independent. Councilman Yun will be our guest at our regular monthly meeting this Tuesday, October 8th at 7:30PM. (Councilman Boggiano has also been invited to be our guest this month but is unable to attend).

Yun is the owner of Garden State News and has been in Jersey City for about 33 years. He helped form the first Special Improvement District in Jersey City--the Central Avenue SID--and served as its president for 20 years. Yun emphasized improving quality of life and public safety during his campaign and recently participated in a meeting with NJ Transit, the Mayor's Office, the Central Ave SID and RNA about improving bus service to our area. At Tuesday's meeting you will have an opportunity to get to know Councilman Yun and share your concerns about the neighborhood with him.

Most Successful Park Fest & Flea Market Ever



Photo by: Mickey Mathis

We couldn't have asked for a more beautiful day than we had for this year's 27th Annual Park Fest & Flea Market that took place on September 7th. This year's festival was our largest and most successful ever! We had over 130 vendors, a lineup of fabulous bands and entertainment, had hundreds of attendees/shoppers and we raised over \$3,000! This event is our major fundraiser for the year and helps cover our annual operating costs.

This great event could not take place without the extensive contribution of our volunteers. (We are 100% volunteer run.) Thank you to everyone who volunteered at the RNA booth and helped us set up and break down. Special thanks to the RNA Board, Olga Weissman, DJ Wise, Nick Ciavatta and Gerald Lucas for booking the bands, DJ Smoke, Zumba with Jenna, Yoga in the Heights, Lara Hartmann, Payaso Triste, Martin Moretto Duo, GMJ Groove, Crash Gordon & Debra Dynamite, Sea of Otters, Mickey Mathis, Bob Gourley, Tony Skalicky/Remco Press, Jersey City Department of Public Works/Parks & Forestry and everyone else who made the day a success.

Help Us Get NJ Transit to Improve Service

Public transportation is critical to our neighborhood and unfortunately, the performance of the bus lines has been sub-par for several months. We have been fielding complaints about service on the 119, 87, and 123 in particular including buses that do not show up, show up late, or are overcrowded. We met with NJ Transit, the Mayor's office, the Business Administrator's office, Central Ave SID and Councilman Yun on September 12th to discuss these problems and endeavor to get them resolved.

Since that time, NJ Transit has had meetings with Academy, the company that operates the 119 and 123 under contract to NJ Transit, and has been monitoring their performance. While some minor improvements have been noted, the major problems remain. To support the effort to improve service, it is important that each and every problem be documented and submitted to NJ Transit. (And yes, we know it is a pain.) Please call 973-275-5555 during business hours or use NJ Transits [online form](#).

We are in regular contact with NJ Transit and are planning additional action if service does not improve. Unreliable public transportation is not an option for our neighborhood and we encourage you to work with us to ensure that it improves.

Last Community Clean-up of the Season

At the beginning of the year, RNA's clean-up committee decided to do something about the litter problem in our neighborhood by scheduling a series of clean-ups.

Please join the clean-up committee by taking action this Sunday, October 4 at 10AM at Palisade and Prospect for the final clean-up session of the year. Gloves and bags will be provided.

Big Dig Returns so Volunteer Today

RNA is a member of the Jersey City Parks Coalition and will be participating in the Big Dig again this year on October 26th as part of Make a Difference Day, a national day of doing good. In past years, tens of thousands of flower bulbs have been planted in city parks and open spaces throughout the City. (We planted in Riverview Park, Janet Moore Park, Ogden's End Community Garden.) The goal of this year's effort is to plant 50,000 daffodils and tulips at the entries and perimeters of Jersey City Public Housing facilities. RNA members are asked to volunteer to plant bulbs here in the Heights at the Cambridge Apartments (80 Cambridge Ave) by registering at the [Big Dig 2013 website](#). Volunteers are needed between 9AM and noon (come for the whole time or whatever amount of time you can give) to plant bulbs. There are other locations throughout the city if you this location is not convenient for you.

RNA has also purchased additional flower bulbs through the Big Dig that we will be planting in Riverview-Fisk Park, Janet Moore Park and Ogden's End Community Garden on Sunday, October 27th (Time TBD). We will also need volunteers to help us on Sunday.

Halloween Dog Parade at Farmers Market

One of RNA's most popular annual events will take place on Sunday, October 27th at 11:30AM (prizes around noon). The Halloween Dog Parade in held in conjunction with Farms in the Heights at the Riverview Farmers Market and is always a lot of fun. Dress up your pooch and come on out to Riverview-Fisk Park and show off those costumes! This is also the last day of the season for the Farmers Market so join us to celebrate another successful season.



Addendum: Yoga in the Heights

Last month, we provided local business Yoga in the Heights run by Stephanie Kumar and Bridget Fujioka. This month we are pleased to announce that they have opened up at 523 Palisade Avenue. Check out their class schedule and plans at [tcheightsyoga.com](#)

Updates:

100 Steps: Lighting and landscaping is being completed. Look for notice of grand opening soon.

NY Ave/Ravine Road: Paving and striping, lighting, guard rail and fence installation remain. If the weather is cooperative and the construction gods favorable, an opening is scheduled for end of October.

Lots of Great Events in October

In addition to the Farmers Market, the Big Dig and the Halloween Dog Parade, check out these other area events in October!

23rd Annual Jersey City Artists Studio Tour, Oct 5-6 from noon-6PM (Opening night reception on Oct. 4th.) There will be arts events throughout the City (and a bus to shuttle you around). One local event of note: *Beyond the Light...Painting with Feeling*, 761 Summit Ave featuring artwork by Concordia Learning Center at St. Joseph's School for the Blind. Visit: [proartsjerseycity.org](#) for full event schedule.

Oktoberfest Fundraiser for 3PM in the Heights and Riverview Jazz Festival, Saturday Oct 12th at Farms at the Distillery Gallery & Artspace, 7 Hutton Street. \$20 Donation.

The Loew's Theatre has a busy month:

Sunday, October 6 If you haven't seen a silent movie at the Loew's, Mary Pickford in "My Best Girl". Enjoy one of America's first superstars, your favorite in "My Best Girl", plus the comedy short "Movie Night" -- both with LIVE ORGAN accompaniment on our magnificently restored Wonder Morton pipe organ and shown on a 50 foot wide screen. \$12 adults / \$10 kids & seniors.

October 10, 11 and 13 The third annual Golden Door International Film Festival will have its Opening Night celebration and screenings at the Loew's on Oct. 10 starting at 6PM; film screenings on Oct. 11 starting at 5:30PM, more screenings on Oct. 13 starting at 12:30PM followed by the Closing Night Awards Ceremony at 6PM. Go to [http://goldendoorfilmfestival.org/](#) for more info and admission prices.

Saturday, October 26 Classic Movie Horror, "Bride of Frankenstein" at 6:30PM, \$7 adults / \$5 kids & seniors; followed at 8:30PM by the silent "Phantom of the Opera" with LIVE ORGAN accompaniment, \$10 adults, \$8 kids & seniors. Combo discount available.

Friday, November 1 from 7PM to 1AM, The Phantom's Masquerade -- a fun night of music, dancing, performances, a costume contest . . . and a few surprises to benefit Friends of the Loew's. Light refreshments. Cash bar (wine & beer). One drink included with admission. \$25 in advance at [http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/474621](#) or \$30 at the door. Go to [www.loewsjersey.org](#) for more info.

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